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Scranton, Pa., Nov. 14, 1960

Dear Mrs. ~~Eleanor~~ Roosevelt,

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I am one of the numberless admirers of the late great President. ~~and~~ have the honor of offering a modest gift to the institute devoted to his memory.

I am a painter and sculptor and came from Israel for two years to show to the American public an art which is anew human.

Considering this ideal you will well understand my desire to dedicate one of my works to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Library.

Thus I have the honor of inviting you to the preview of my first American exhibition, ~~as noted in the catalogue here~~ 530 8 p.m., Nov. 26, International Art Galleries, 55 West 56th St., New York City, ~~enclosed,~~ and believing, hoping you will find my art worthy of your distinguished visit. If the time is not convenient to you, I shall be happy ~~but~~ ^{to await you at} any other time. you will generously fix for your visit at my exhibition. This would doubtless be the best opportunity to hand over one of my works to the F. D. R. M. L.

With most sincere feelings

yours Otto Schneid

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
55 EAST 74TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY 21, N. Y.

November 19, 1960

Dear Dr. Schneid:

Thank you so very much for your kind invitation which I appreciate. I wish I could attend your preview but I am sorry to say I will be on the West Coast December 7th.

You are indeed kind to want to pay tribute to my husband's memory and I am deeply grateful. You should get in touch with Mr. Herman Kahn, Director, F.D.R. Library, Hyde Park, NY, about your presentation.

With my good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor Roosevelt

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Dear Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,

I still think about your generous visit at my NYC-exhibition and shall always remember with feelings of deep gratitude the noble encouragement you gave me.

The Schneid-Album published by Alinari in Florence is now completed. I have the honor of sending it to you and ask ~~you~~ kindly to accept this modest souvenir.

Very respectfully yours

Otto Schneid

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
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January 16, 1961

Dear Mr. Schneid:

Thank you so very much for the
Schneid Album which I am delighted to
have. You were indeed kind to think of me
and I am deeply appreciative.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor Roosevelt

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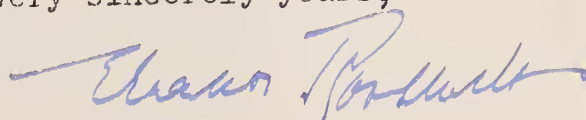
April 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Schneid:

Thank you very much for the announcement of your exhibition. You were kind to think of me and I will try to see your paintings if I can possibly fit them into my rather busy schedule.

With my good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eleanor Roosevelt", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 12, 1961

Dear Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt :

I had read with great worry about your illness and had been happy about the news that you left the hospital.

Then it became my personal question what I could do for you. For you, for so rich a personality ? However, there are two suggestions I would dare to submit to you.

One of them concerns your health. I am not a physician, but I possess precious experience, both practical and theoretical. 14 years ago I had an obviously hopeless syndrome of several diseases, doctors couldn't help me. My heart, stomach, nerves and eyes were affected. For purely moral reasons, without knowing that it would influence health, I then began my vegetarian conduct of life. All my diseases disappeared, my working ability was doubled. I believe that my experience could become greatly useful to yourself.

My other suggestion is rather significant to myself. It is my desire to portray you before one of us, you or me, would have to leave this life. I don't propose to you a trip to my studio in Scranton, but would come to you with all my painting equipment. I would need your presence a 6-7 hours during one or two days.

May I mention also one of my sculptural ideas ? I made a model of a monument to all the peoples perished since prehistorical times. We know them only by scientific research or not at all; we don't deplore them, forgetting the awful reality of their fate. I was convinced that this monument should be sponsored by UN. On a letter written to UNESCO I got nothing but a senseless office answer. Could I show you a photograph of my model ?

I hope you kindly remember me.

Very respectfully yours

Otto Schneid

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
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November 15, 1961

Dear Prof. Schneid,

Thank you very much for your letter and kind concern for my health. I am very happy to say that I am perfectly well again but your thoughtful suggestion is deeply appreciated.

I regret that my heavy schedule will not allow me to pose for a portrait. At any rate, I have sat for one painting only and would not care to do so again.

With my deep regrets,

very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Eleanor Roosevelt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

